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We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Telephone, 6th January, 1895.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

BIRTH.

On the 26th January, at 55, Victoria Street, Singapore, Mrs. B. L. the wife of Captain Bell, of the steamer *Hecla*, of a daughter.

DEATH.

At the Branch Hotel, Chefoo, on the 24th of January, 1895, MARIA CAROLINA CALDER, aged 1 year 1 month, the dearly beloved daughter of Peter and Christine Calder.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1895.

TELEGRAMS.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

LONDON, February 6th. The Queen's Speech states that Great Britain's relations with foreign Powers are friendly; the war in the East is regretted; a cordial attitude with the other Powers interested in these regions has been maintained; no favourable opportunity will be lost for promoting peace; the Armenian atrocities, the agreement with France and the Sierra Leone boundary are referred to; and measures are announced for the coming Session of Parliament. The Lords have voted the Address.

ROSEBURY WAVERING.

Lord Rosebury has declined to introduce a resolution at the present time dealing with the House of Lords on the grounds that a dissolution must immediately follow.

THE STRAITS MILITARY EXTORTION.

Sir C. Clements Smith, writing to the *Times*, warmly protests against a letter by Mr. Rathbone, which declared that the projected Malay States ought to directly share in the Straits Military Contribution.

(Special to *Shanghai Mercury*.)
TWO JAPANESE TORPEDO BOATS SUNK AND AN IRONCLAD DISABLED.

CHEFOO, February 1st. Two Japanese torpedo-boats have been sunk by the Chinese and an ironclad has been disabled. The former are at Wei-hai-wai and the latter is at Chefoo.

THE CHINESE ENVOYS IN JAPAN.
YOKOHAMA, February 1st.

A telegram from Hloobima, of today's date, states that the Chinese Envoys were received there this forenoon at the Office of the Prefecture by Count Ito, Viscount Mutsu, Chief Secretary of the Cabinet, and Foreign Office officials. In order to examine their credentials, the Envoys were only two Chinese Councillors and two Interpreters were admitted. The Japanese Government have appointed Count Ito and Viscount Mutsu as representatives on their side.

THE WAR IN MANCHURIA.

TOKIO, 1st February. In an official telegram, dated 31st January, General Nogi reports that the Chinese forces, in the vicinity of Yingkow, exceed 200,000. Japanese scouts report that the Chinese have occupied Jaochiang, and that the hostile forces, westward of that place, are gradually advancing towards the south.

BOMBARDMENT OF WEI-HAI-WEI.

TOKIO, February 1st.

A telegram, dated from Tientsin 1st instant, from the Third Army, states that on the 30th January, the second division captured the entrance of Sunglinshan and blundered there. On the 31st they began assaulting another entrance south-west from Pailiwan, and the Japanese navy simultaneously bombarded the Pailiwan forts. The sixth division began the advance at a distance of 10 miles. By nine in the morning they had taken possession of most of the Chinese lines of defence, and, advancing behind Mount Ku, had completely captured the Pailiwan forts. By 12.30 o'clock the squadron signalled that they held possession of the eastern entrance to the harbour. The Chinese fleet were lying in the harbour and were, consequently, with the Wangsoo forts, firing upon the Japanese ships and towers. The Japanese squadron was blocking both entrances to the harbour and fighting was still going on. At 4.30 p.m. the second division had apparently occupied the important point of Wenchuan.

ALL LAND FORTS CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE.

TOKIO, February 2nd. A telegram from Tientsin, dated yesterday, states that Marshal Oyama's report confirms the news previously telegraphed. All the land forts at Wei-hai-wai have been captured, and the Chinese have retreated beyond Sunglinshan. The Chinese men-of-war were, however, still fighting upon the Japanese. The latter were inquiring into the losses sustained by both sides and were examining the prisoners and the spoils of war.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, January 11th. Obituary.—Sir Edmund Drummond, also General G.F.S. Call, C.B., and Sir John S. Hawkins, K.C.M.G.

PARIS, January 11th. A debate took place in the Chamber of Deputies last night, arising from a motion of the Socialist Party demanding the release of Deputy M. Richard who is imprisoned for an article insinuating M. Casimir Perier, as President of the Republic. The Government declined to entertain the proposal and declared the resolution a Cabinet question, upon which the motion was defeated by a majority of eighty-one.

Lieutenant Gordon, the Political Officer who succeeded Captain Youngblood, is believed to be at Chitral with half his escort, viz. 50 men of the 14th Sikhs; the other 50 are at Mastoi, some 60 miles away. Nothing appears to be known as to the cause of the younger brother's recent proceeding.

The Secretary of State has sanctioned the estimate of £3 crores for the East Coast Railway, also the estimate of 30-150 lakhs for the construction of the Wazirabad Lyallpur Railway.

LONDON, January 12th. The *Times* publishes a telegram from Rome stating that the undisputed efforts of the French to instigate the Emperor of Abyssinia against the Italians causing irritation at Rome, and obliging the Italians to despatch reinforcements to Massawa.

Sir George White has now made all his selections for staff appointments in the new Bengal and Punjab armies, and these as well as the hill stations chosen for headquarters will be made known very shortly.

The trial of Kalar Singh, the murderer of Colonel Money, has been concluded at Lahore. The sentence, however, awaits the confirmation of Sir George White.

Lord Sandhurst leaves for Bombay on the 24th instant per P. and O. *Ganges*.

January 13th. Mail advices received from Egypt state that the King of Abkhaz has declined to entertain the suggestion made by the Governor of the Giza Coast Colony for the appointment of a British Resident at Comoss and has assumed such a defiant attitude that the necessity for another expedition is considered probable.

A Paris telegram states that M. Guichard, President of the Suez Canal Company, has sailed for Egypt.

Captain H. R. Davies has started on his tour in Yunnan, leaving Saxon on 4th January with the intention of proceeding in the first instance to Mienmen by way of Szechuan. A report has been received at Szechuan that Captain Davies has left Szechuan for Mienmen with a friendly Chinese escort.

BERLIN, January 13th. The Reichstag has referred the anti-revolutionary Bills to a Committee of the House.

It is reported that Count Herbert Bismarck is to be appointed German Ambassador at Washington.

P. RISE, 14th January. There was a great tension in the Chamber of Commons at midnight yesterday. The Congress of the house, which the perpetrator of the outrage had selected to wreck, saw the bomb in the window, and immediately threw it in the middle of the street, where a tremendous explosion followed, doing much damage to the houses in the neighbourhood. Nobody was injured. An English biscuit box filled with bullets was used as the bomb.

LONDON, November 14th. A dreadful calamity has occurred at Dingle Colliery in Staffordshire. It is supposed that

some old workings were accidentally tapped. The sudden rush of water surprised two hundred men who were below at the time. The full extent of the disaster has not yet been ascertained, but it is feared that at least twenty have been drowned.

Major Ussmann has started for the Cameroons.

Obituary.—General A. thony Tho nhil. January 15th.

It is announced that Lord Brassey has been appointed Governor of Victoria in succession to the Earl of Hopwood.

Sir Francis Fleming has been transferred from Sierra Leone to the Governorship of the Leeward Islands.

Mr. W. E. Maxwell, the Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements, has been appointed Governor of the British Gold Coast Colony.

ROME, January 15th. Despatches received here state that Major Brazier surprised ten thousand Abyssinians near the command of Mangassa at Costi. After a severe fight Mangassa retired with a heavy loss, while that on the Italian side was slight.

THE ACCIDENT TO THE "VICTORIA."

We are contentiously informed by Messrs. Doxell, Carill & Co., agents of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company, that in respect to the accident to the Company's steamer *Victoria* at Moll on the 28th ultimo, also that the damage proved on thorough examination by the local Surveyors to be less than was at first feared, the permanent repairs will be effected at Kobe so as to permit of the *Victoria's* sailing thence on the 20th instant, possibly sooner. The cargo shipped at Hongkong will, therefore, be carried on to its destination by the *Victoria* herself. The latest telegrams do not say whether it will be necessary to discharge any of the cargo in order to complete the repairs.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

BROADWOOD PIANOS at W. Robinson & Co.

The German cruiser *Irene* arrived here from Singapore this morning.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver for this port yesterday afternoon.

COLLARD & COLLARD PIANOS at W. Robinson & Co.

LATEST news from the North is to the effect that the Chinese fleet successfully "towed off" the Japs at Wei-hai-wai.

We are informed by the Agents of the Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer *Vindobona* left Singapore yesterday for this port.

New Comic Song and Dance Albums at W. Robinson & Co.

The Russian ironclad *Pamiat Azova* and the torpedo-boats *Haydamak* and *Vordatch* are here from Singapore, en route to Chefoo, in a day or two.

FULL stock of banjos, mandolins, guitars, accordions, strings and fittings of all kinds at W. Robinson & Co.

HUANG KUNG-TU, recently Consul General at Singapore, has arrived at Wankang, where he is now assisting Viceroy Chang Ching in the management of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs.

D'ARCY Marionettes are still doing good business at the "Bijou," the performance commencing at 8.30 every evening and drawing large numbers of the better class of Chinese residents.

CAPTAIN James Bruce, R.N., who was in Singapore a few years ago in command of the H.M.S. *Orion*, has been chosen by the Admiralty to succeed Captain Lark as Senior Naval Officer-in-Charge at Gibraltar.

MR. SANGSTER, whose resignation of the post of Organist of St. John's Cathedral has caused considerable regret, will give another of his elegant organ recitals in the Cathedral on Thursday, the 14th instant.

ONLY a little literary gem from the *Strait Times*:—"Very great regret will be felt at the death of Lord Randolph Churchill in his forty-sixth year. With a better constitution, he might yet have become a great man."

CAPT. Hansen, of the steamer *Arratoon Apar*, reported upon arrival at Singapore on the 28th, that on the 26th inst., a lascar named Dubois, fell from aloft whilst working on the main mast, and died from his injuries without recovering consciousness, and was buried at sea.

The members of the Singapore Marine Club gave a very successful "box" at Town Hall on the 25th ultimo. Dapeng was kept up with the music until 3 o'clock in the morning, and the guests were unanimous in voting the *reunion* a huge success and a great credit to their nautical hosts.

An early issue of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will contain a mass of interesting information about the "smoke" in training for the forthcoming meeting. Several of the "smoke" were entered this morning with astonishing results, which will be fully dealt with by "An Old Sportsman" in due course.

The following warships were at Chefoo on the 28th ult.—H.M.S. *Undaunted*, *Lotus*, *Gibraltar*, *Swamp*, and *Zealand*; German *Arcona*, *Alexander*, and *Mary*; French *Ty*, *Bearpaw*, *Beaufort*, and *Lion*; U.S.S. *Baltimore*, *Yorktown*, and *Charlottesville*; and the Russian cruiser *Krispin*.

SHORTLY prior to the arrival of the Russian ironclad *Pamiat Azova* at Singapore on the 28th ultimo, one of her Petty Officers succumbed to malarial fever, which was so prevalent on board that six of her seamen were removed to the Singapore General Hospital a few days ago. The deceased was buried, with full naval honours, at Singapore.

SIR Augustus Harris says the London correspondent of the *Asiatic* suggests himself in this year's *Drury Lane* pantomime, the dresses and scenery, particularly a Chinese wedding festival, being too gorgeous for words.

A fancy he has scored the biggest success he has yet achieved. Sir Augustus should come to Hongkong for a few select hints as to how to put an *Asiatic* pantomime on the boards.

A most important item of news which we are deeply indebted to friend Annet Reid, Editor-in-Chief of the *Shanghai Mercury*, is the Sultan of Johore may go to Calcutta this spring. For all the *Telegraph* knows, the Sultan, Bakor, a contemptible coward and blackguard, a great man in a very small way, can go to Timbuctoo or Peking or Yeddo, as he pleases, little as it is to be expected that he is a much account anywhere.

W. ROBINSON & Co. piano builders, tuners and repairers.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship *Rohilla*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 8 a.m. to-day, and is expected here on or about Monday, the 11th inst.

New piano repairing machinery, received by W. Robinson & Co.

The third performance of the pantomime "Robinson Crusoe" will be given at the Theatre Royal tonight under the patronage of Major-General G. Digby Barker, C.B.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) that the E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Catterthun*, from Australia, left Port Darwin yesterday, for this port.

A SHANGHAI telegram of the 25th ultimo to the *China Mail* states that the foreign employees of the Chinese Government have intimated to the British Consulate at Shanghai their intention of resigning their positions if Admiral Ting is appointed. The message adds that German merchants of that port, Messrs. Mandl & Co. and Messrs. Carlitz & Co., who have been furnishing arms and ammunition to the Chinese in North China, stopped supplies a few days ago.

THUS the *Kobe Chronicle*:—"It is an ill wind that blows hard, and, as it is, said the Chairman of Landreth & Co. Limited, when announcing that the *Victoria* were enabled to declare a dividend of 25 per cent, as a result of the closing of war ships in the present Eastern troubles. But a Kobe ore-killing company (Japanese) has come on 'better.' At a meeting of the shareholders called the other day, a dividend at the rate of 40 per cent, per annum was declared on the last half-year's transactions."

AT Singapore on the 24th ultimo, the members of the Straits Engineers' Association met in their Rooms at the Marine Club for the purpose of sending Mr. Wm. Gaucher, the President, with a handsome pouch and chain in recognition of his indefatigable services during the past six years. Mr. Smith made the presentation in eulogistic terms, the recipient acknowledging the compliment in an appropriate and lengthy address, in which he secured the members that they could always rely on his best services.

THUS a Chefoo correspondent under date 30th ultimo:—"There are now on shore here, 20 German, 20 French and 20 Russian 'blue-jackets' besides 15 British and 15 American marines. Last but not least is our Volunteer Defence Corps numbering about 50 men. There is, however, little chance for our volunteers to show their bravery, for as far as we can see the Chinese are not aware of our readiness. Several thousands of soldiers have left Wei-hai-wai already and about a thousand of these runaway braves from Yenching were on the road between Wei-hai-wai and here last Friday, but they all turn off to the west when hearing Chefoo. Our next course of anxiety are the Japanese. It is true that Count Oyama has sent a letter to the Consular body at this port informing them of his intentions to visit Chefoo, but at the same time he promises every consideration to the property and persons of neutrals in case of the Japanese army finding it necessary to come here; and it is not known how the Commanders of the foreign men-of-war in port would pretty soon make him."

"TAIKOO" IN THE POLICE COURT.

"TOSH" CHARGED.

AT the Police Court to-day, before Mr. Hastings, Mr. P. Mackintosh, local representative of the firm of Butterfield and Swire, was charged at the instance of Mr. P. E. Tooker, Executive Engineer, P. W. D., on four charges, as follows:—(1) that on the 31st January, at Quarry Bay, did unlawfully construct and continue to construct an iron pier projecting over the foreshore, the property of the Crown, without the previous sanction and authority of the Governor as required by section 68 of Ordinance 15 of 1889; (2) that on the 31st January, at Quarry Bay, did unlawfully construct a place of secure storage, a brick tunnel, raised on a chimney and construct a brick-shed upon Marine Lot No. 1 without submitting plans or giving notice to the Director of Public Works; (3) that on divers days of the latter part of 1894, at Quarry Bay, did unlawfully construct two places of secure storage on Marine Lot No. 1 without submitting plans of the same or giving notice to the P.W.D.; (4) that on divers days of November and December, 1894, at Quarry Bay, did unlawfully construct an iron pier projecting over the foreshore, the property of the Crown, without the previous sanction and authority of the Governor, as required by section 68 of Ordinance 15 of 1889. Further, that on the day and at the place aforesaid did unlawfully neglect to submit plans of the said pier and give notice on the prescribed form to the Director of Public Works, as required by sections 69 and 70 of Ordinance 15 of 1889.

Mr. R. B. Thomson, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, appeared on behalf of Mr. E. Mackintosh, and admitted the offences charged.

Mr. E. M. Hazell, Assistant Engineer of the Public Works Department, and Mr. Frederick Pearson, Overseer of Buildings, gave evidence to the effect that on the 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st ultimo, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire were constructing two piers, a brick tunnel, raised on a chimney, and constructed a brick-shed, and two places of secure storage without submitting plans and obtaining the sanction of the Government.

Two witnesses, namely, Messrs. Blake and Wedder, were subpoenaed to appear, but did not do so on the appearance.

Mr. Thomson submitted that as the charges were admitted it was unnecessary to produce the witnesses.

His Worship remarked that the witnesses were subpoenaed to appear and they should have been in Court, and he therefore adjourned the case for an hour.

On the Court resuming at 12.40 p.m., Messrs. Blake and Wedder were not present. Mr. Thomson addressed the Court, and submitted that the offence was merely a technical one and the result of an oversight.

Mr. Tooker thereupon pressed for a substantial penalty, and a fine of \$50 on each charge was imposed, or \$200 in all.

The extreme penalty for such flagrant breaches of the law is, we believe, \$1000 on each charge.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-sixth ordinary meeting of the above Company to be held on the 19th instant, at noon:—

The Directors beg to submit their annual report and statement of accounts made up to the 31st December last:

1894.—The balance at credit of Working Account, as per last

Statement, £118,495.49

Deduct dividend of \$1 p share, paid in 1894... \$ 60,000.00
Deduct Claims under 1893 policies paid in 1894... 27,109.44
Deduct return premiums, &c., &c., paid in 1894... 6,062.30 93,261.74

Balance of Profit... \$125,233.75

It is proposed to apportion this sum as follows:—\$63,000 to shareholders as a final dividend of \$3 per share, making \$6 for the year; \$37,025 as a bonus to contributors of re-insurance; and the balance, \$25,208.75, to the credit of Working Account 1894.

1894.—The premium income for this year shows a good increase, but unfortunately the losses have been greater than in any similar period of the Company's history. The bulk of these occurred in Manila, where two fires, on 2nd September and 9th December, involved the Company in several distinct losses, amounting to \$151,023, inclusive of \$20,347 loss in exchange. Whilst deploring these occurrences, your Directors, after mature consideration, recommended the payment of the same *interim* dividend as before, viz. \$1 per share.

With regard to properties upon which the Company has granted loans upon mortgage, the Board is of opinion that they afford ample security for the advances made.

DIRECTORS.
The Board deeply regrets the loss of the late Mr. H. Hopplius, who, during 12 years, zealously forwarded the Company's interests.

Messrs. S. C. Michaelson and N. A. Siebs have been invited to fill vacancies on the Board, and these appointments require the confirmation of shareholders.

Messrs. Kramer and Dalrymple retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.
During Mr. R. Lyall's absence from the Colony owing to ill-health Mr. W. Hutton Pott has audited the annexed accounts in conjunction with Mr. J. H. Cox, Messrs. Cox and Lyall retire, and are eligible for re-election.

A. G. Woon, Chairman.

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1894.

Liabilities.
Capital account... \$ 400,000.00
Reserve fund... 875,000.00
Accounts payable:—
Final dividend for 1893 \$60,000.00
Bonus for 1893 and sundries... 60,535.23

Working account 1894:—
Balance at credit... 108,777.47
Transferred from 1893 37,308.75

146,086.22
\$1,541,716.45

Assets.
Cash at Bankers... \$ 35,892.09

Fixed deposits at Banks:—
H'kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation \$340,000.00
Chartered Bank of I. A. & C... 95,000.00
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited... 25,000.00

Investments:—
Chinese Imp. Govt. E. bonds... \$109,699.35
Hk. & K'loon Wh. bonds... 50,000.00
Gedra. Co. Ld. debentures... 50,000.00
Shai Land Investment Co. Ld. debentures... 40,877.40
Shai and H'kong Wharf Co. debentures... 41,617.07
Shai Waterworks Co. Ld. debentures... 8,472.22

Loans on mortgage:—
On properties in Hongkong... 716,125.00
Inland Lot No. 685... 20,000.00
Assigned by mortgagee:—
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co. Ld. Four shares... 520.00

Furniture account:—
Office furniture, &c... 500.00
Accounts receivable:—
Premiums due from agencies, interest due on deposits and investments, &c... 49,011.42

1,541,716.45

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1894.

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To Charges account:—
Rent, salaries, legal and surveyors' fees, taxes, stamps, stationary, &c... \$ 25,209.83
Directors' & fees... 7,400.00

Commission account:—
Agents' commissions... 15,920.34
Fire Brigades account:—
Contributions at agencies, &c... 927.95
Losses account 1894:—
Claims according to this year paid... 178,154.34
Amount written off:—
Furniture account... 67.40
Balance... 108,777.47

By Premium Account:—
Net amount of premiums collected... \$252,230.61
Less re-insurances... 6,789.22

Interest Account:—
Amount at credit, including interest due on deposits and investments, &c... 90,993.43
Transfer Fee Account:—
Amount at credit... 108.51

336,542.33

E. & O. E.
JAS. B. COUGHERIE, Secretary.

We have examined the above statement with the books and securities at the Head Office, and have found the same to be correct.

(JAMES H. COX, W. H. POTTS, Auditors.)
Hongkong, and February, 1895.

KOREA'S FOREIGN LOAN.

The *Kaiwai* writes as follows on the above to-day, 1c:—"According to rumour, the Korean Government has decided to float a loan of five million yen in Japan, and the Nippon Ginko has decided to extend its help, thus practically ensuring the successful raising

